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SUBJECT: AFRO/ARAB MINISTERIAL MEETING IN NIAMEY
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1. DURING MAY 19 MEETING ON SUBJECT OF C-130S (REPORTED
SEPTEL) FOREIGN MINISTER DJERMAKOYE VOLUNTEERED THAT GON
WOULD HOST AN AFRO/ARAB FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING JUNE 5-7.
HE WILL LEAVE FOR TRIPOLI IMMEDIATELY AFTERWARDS FOR THE CHAD TALKS.
HE DESCRIBED THE PARTICIPANTS IN TERMS OF OIL AND THE
RISON D'ETRE FOR THE NIAMEY STUS AS URANIUM. TWENTY-FOUR

PARTICIPANTS WITH EVEN DIVISION AMONG AFRICANS AND ARABS WILL INCLUDE: ALGERIA, LIBYA, THE EMIRATES, SAUDI ARABIA, QATAR, PLO, TUNISIA, MOROCCO, GABON CAMEROON, GHANA, MAURITANIA, TOGO, BOTSWANA, SIERRA LEONE, MOZAMBIQUE AND EGYPT. THE GROUP ORDER WAS DESIGNATED AT THE AFRO/ARAB SUMMIT AS A COMMITTEE TO FURTHER THE PURSUIT OF AFRO/ARAB COOPERATION AND ECONOMIC ISSUES. NIGERIA IS PERHAPS THE MOST SIGNIFICANT OMISSION FROM THIS GROUPING.

2. WHEN I COMMENTED THAT NIAMEY WAS BECOMING A CONVENTION CENTER, THE FOREIGN MINISTER AGREED IN ALL SERIOUSNESS, STATING THAT THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION WOULD BE INTERESTED THAT A SEMINAR WITH THE THEME OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND LIBERTIES IN THE ISLAMIC WORLD WILL BE HELD HERE MAY 30 TO JUNE 3. UNIVERSITIES AND ISLAMIC OFFICIALDOM WILL PROVIDE THE MAJORITY OF THE PARTICIPANTS.

3. DJERMAKOYE ADDED THAT NIGER HOPED TO BUILD A HOTEL/ CONFERENCE COMPLETED THIS YEAR ON THE RIVER BANK NEAR THE JOHN F. KENNEDY BRIDGE. PLANS CALL FOR A 250 ROOM HOTEL AND A 3,000 SEAT AUDITORIUM. THE NIGER GOVERNMENT WOULD LIKE TO BOLSTER ITS SELF-IMAGE AS A BRIDGE ACROSS THE GEOGRAPHIC, POLITICAL AND RELIGIOUS SAHEL. JAMES

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